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FIGHTERS ON VERGE OF ASCENT OR DESCENT

Pugilists Clamoring for Highest Honors in Ring.

Although Jack Johnson was the only recognized champion to lose his title during the year drawing to a close there are a number of boxers who appear to be on the verge of ascending or descending the pugilistic ladder during 1916. In the bantam class Johnny Ertle fought his way to a point where he divides honors with Kid Williams; Johnny Kilbane has several dangerous rivals for his featherweight title; among the lightweights Freddie Welsh still holds the championship although Charley White and one or two other candidates for the title are clamoring for a chance to win it from the English boxer. Ted Lewis, Johnny Griffith and Mike Glover appear to be the leading contenders for the welterweight honors while in the middleweight division Young Ahearn, Mike Gibbons, Les Darcy, all claim superiority over Al McCoy, the nominal champion. Jack Dillon and Earl Lavinaky are the leading contenders for the light heavy title, while Jess Willard reigns supreme in the heavyweight class.

ANDREWS BIDDING FOR WILLARD-FULTON FIGHT.

Milwaukee Promoter Offers Jess \$25,000 for 10 Round Bout.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 30.—T. S. Andrews, local boxing promoter, said today he expected to meet Jess Willard and his manager in Chicago next Saturday or Sunday to begin negotiations for a 10 round bout between Willard and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn. Andrews said if the parties involved could agree on terms the bout probably would be staged late in February.

Andrews today received a telegram from Willard's manager saying Promoter Burns had refused to reconsider his decision to call off the New Orleans bout.

"Am ready to do business with you," the telegram added.

Andrews said he would renew his offer of \$25,000 for a 10 round go.

Pitcher Kautleiner, who gives great promise of developing into a great star pitcher of the Pittsburgh team, also does other things aside from pitching. The averages show him to be the best hitting pitcher in the older organization.

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before them, is hereby called to be held at their banking house on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916 at 11 o'clock a. m.

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NORWICH MAY ENTER NEW LEAGUE

A Merger of Eastern Association and New England League Decided Upon at Boston Meeting—Ten Clubs Will be Represented in New Organization.

Boston, Dec. 30.—A merger of the New England League and Eastern Association, both Class B organizations, was decided upon at a meeting of baseball interests held in this city today.

The league will consist of ten clubs, including Lynn, Lawrence, Lowell, Worcester and Portland of the New England league and five clubs to be selected from the Eastern association.

It was announced that the owners of the Fitchburg, Manchester and Lowell clubs of the New England league, which will be dropped from the new organization, will be given an opportunity to enter the combination if they desire.

Joseph Burns, the Lewiston owner, will probably purchase the Lynn club, and the Manchester owners, headed by Tom Keedy, will have a share in the Lowell club.

Mrs. Daniel A. Noonan, owner of the Fitchburg club, will be reimbursed by the other league interests. It is expected and relinquish her rights.

All the New England league clubs were represented at today's meeting, while W. H. Canby of Springfield and J. H. Clark of Hartford appeared for the Eastern association. Eugene B. Fraser of Lynn officiated as temporary chairman and Mr. Canby as secretary.

While no decision was reached as to the clubs of the Eastern association to be taken into the new organization, it was said that Springfield and Hartford, it was likely that New Haven, New London and Bridgeport would be selected.

Further details of organization will be discussed at a meeting to be called by the chairman.

JEWETT CITY TEAM TRIMS BALTIMORE FOR SECOND TIME.

Borough Team Outclassed Baltimore in the Second Half—Score 20-12 to 10.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Jewett City, Dec. 30.—The local basketball team defeated the Baltimore five here tonight for the second time this season on the Bijou floor by the score of 20-12.

At the end of the first half the visitors had the lead by two baskets, but the borough boys ran away from their opponents in the last half and the Emeralds started for Baltimore, while Blake of Jewett City did some classy shooting and was well supported by his teammates. W. Benjamin was unable to participate in the game owing to injury received last week.

In the preliminary match the Jewett City seconds defeated the Baltimore seconds in a close game by the score of 8 to 7.

On New Year's night the All-Collegians of Boston will line up against the local five.

THE LINEUP:

JEWETT CITY. BALTIMORE.
McLean .. Right Guard .. Drescher
L'Heureux .. Left Guard .. Ericson
C. Benjamin .. Center .. Barnett
Barry .. Right Forward .. Higgins
Blake .. Left Forward .. Chappell

Goals. Baltimore 4, Higgins 4, Chappell 2, Jewett City, L'Heureux 2, Barry 4, Blake 12, fouts, Barry 5; referee, W. Robertson.

BASEBALL BECOMING VERY POPULAR IN JAPAN.

University of Chicago Nine Returns from the Orient.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The University of Chicago baseball team returned to Chicago today after a trip through the Orient of more than ten thousand miles. The athletes reported that baseball is growing more popular than ever in Japan. They said the Japanese have developed the habit of baiting the umpires and that they refuse to support a losing team, much after the manner of American followers of the game. The inability of the native teams to defeat the Americans caused a great decrease in the attendance, it was said.

In the Philippines too there is enthusiasm over baseball, although Americans make up most of the attendance. It was said best seats sell for \$1.50.

E. F. (Pop) Geers, the oldest and most widely known race driver of the American harness turf and maker of champions, will have the universal sympathy of horsemen and drivers for the loss of his wife, who died last week at her home in Memphis, and was buried at Columbia, Tenn., on Christmas day.

MARKET WAS DULL.

Manifested No Decided Trend in Either Direction.

New York, Dec. 30.—Apart from the higher quotations registered by specialties, some of which were subjected to familiar manipulation, today's market manifested no decided trend in either direction. Trading became very dull after the first hour, the half hour of the session being marked by the welterweight winners in the middleweight division Young Ahearn, Mike Gibbons, Les Darcy, all claim superiority over Al McCoy, the nominal champion. Jack Dillon and Earl Lavinaky are the leading contenders for the light heavy title, while Jess Willard reigns supreme in the heavyweight class.

The market's strictly professional status may be judged from the fact that its leaders comprised the oil group—Mexican Petroleum being a new record on its rise of 6-3-8 to 11-1-2, while California Petroleum preferred advanced 13-1-2 to 13-1-4, Associated Oil 5 to 6-8, and Texas Company 5 to 6-8.

Other active and strong issues included some of the war shares, Crucible Steel, Excelsior Copper, American Hide and Leather preferred, Corn Products preferred, the rate receiver, and express company stocks. Adams Express gained 3 at 145 and Wells Fargo 5 at 130. United States Steel displayed little of its recent resiliency, rising and falling listlessly between 87-7-8 and 87-3-8 and closing at a net gain of 3-8.

Edwards led the first and second preferred shares adding from one to almost two points to recent gains, with a gain of a point for the common. St. Paul at 98 advanced a fraction of its high price of the year and Canadian Pacific, Chicago and Northwestern, Norfolk and Western and Chesapeake and Ohio were better by one to two points before some of this advantage was forfeited. Total sales amounted to 460,000 shares.

Trading was higher, touching 4-7-4 before the rate reached, but rate on Vienna and Petrograde fell to low records, kronen being quoted at 12-15 and rubles at 12-12. The Bank of England reported a gain of about \$2,000,000 gold, but the Bank of France lost slightly over \$1,000,000. Bonds were steady, with a few offerings. Total sales, par value, aggregated \$4,570,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

ST. JOHN'S SODALITY MAKES A CLEAN SWEEP.

New London First and Second Teams Defeat St. Joseph's Sodality.

The St. Joseph's Sodality of this city lost a close bowling match to the St. John's Sodality of New London by five pins at the Aetna alleys Thursday evening. The score was 1335 to 1330.

Dray of the New Londoners carried away high total, rolling 295, while Reardon of the local organization scored the high individual honor, 110.

The second teams of the two societies met, and the visiting bowlers scored an overwhelming victory, 818 to 687.

A week from Tuesday night the two organizations will meet for another match at New London.

(First Team.)

St. John's Sodality of New London.
Crunker .. 107 80 90-277
Daly .. 92 91 74-259
Moran .. 92 91 74-259
Newman .. 92 87 92-271
Dray .. 103 94 98-295

(First Team.)
461 445 429 1335

St. Joseph's Sodality of Norwich.
McCarthy .. 75 95 91-261
McCarthy .. 75 110 81-268
Driscoll .. 94 91 85-270
Desmond .. 91 107 87-285

(Second Team.)
416 492 422 1330

St. John's Sodality of New London.
E. Corcoran .. 79 111 90-250
J. Corcoran .. 86 97 81-264
Domohue .. 107 75 82-214

(Second Team.)
272 283 263 818

St. Joseph's Sodality of Norwich.
Drew .. 77 88 77-242
Haggen .. 104 112 100-316
Congdon .. 62 76 77-215

(Second Team.)
217 244 226 687

NORWICH BOWLERS WIN.

New Londoners Outclassed in All Three Strings—Score 1530 to 1387.

The Norwich five defeated New London at the Aetna alleys Thursday evening in all three strings. The New Londoners were outclassed in all strings except the last, and in this one they lacked seven pins from victory.

Bliven of the local five was high with a score of 322 and also rolled the highest single, 114.

(First Team.)

Norwich.
Bliven .. 110 114 98-322
Bruckner .. 104 112 100-316
Rush .. 99 95 104-299
McAllister .. 103 109 96-208
Holbrook .. 102 94 86-282

(Second Team.)
518 526 487 1530

New London.
Crunker .. 92 95 100-287
Moran .. 87 95 100-292
Martin .. 92 95 100-292
Dray .. 90 85 103-278
Perrell .. 103 98 84-285

(Second Team.)
457 449 481 1387

SHAVIN HAD A BRILLIANT FOOTBALL CAREER.

Yale Has Lost a Quartet of Giant Linesmen During Last Decade.

The passing of Thomas Lee Shavin adds another name to the list of famous Yale football players who have died in recent years when apparently in the prime of their business careers. Shavin was a brilliant and promising player, and his record just a few years back, four great Yale scrimmagers who won their way to the gridiron in the past decade in F. Gordon Brown, Stillman, James J. Hogan and Shavin, all leaving football records that few players could equal.

This quartet of giant linesmen played during the entire four years of their college careers, and their records were equalled and none can surpass.

In the case of Shavin it is only necessary to mention that his running record was 1,000 yards in one game when Yale lined up against Princeton.

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A period of five years has elapsed since the commission of any such act, the person thus disbarred may have the privilege of applying to the governing body of any other branch of sport, and on assurance being given by him of no future violations, he shall be privileged to compete as a coach.

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On the question of summer baseball and summer football, where amateurs take part in games with professionals or where a player on a team or playing against a team on which there were professionals, it was the sense of the meeting that such competitions between amateurs and professionals should not be favored, but that under exceptional conditions and with proper safeguards such competition may be permitted without jeopardizing the amateur status of the player.

SPORTING NOTES.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the tennis champion, may become a movie actress. At any rate, she has received a contract offer to become one out in California.

Branch Rickey, former leader of the Browns, may quit the game and turn all his attention to the office of St. Louis.

Columbia has a 250-pound plunger in Morton Levy who has shown seventy-two feet in recent practice. Most plungers are "whales," though Hurling, the National champion, is not.

Benny Kauff has thirty-five new-pippins, he calls them, and unlimited conceit besides. That may stampede some pitchers, but there are others who are likely to show up this gallus young man.

Joe Ruddy, the old New York A. C. swimmer, has a nephew, Tom Ruddy, who is showing much promise as a swimmer. He is a student at Stuyvesant High School in New York and is doing 1m 38 in the 100-yard event.

Jimmy Viox of the Pirates, hearkening to the advice of Fred Clarke, has bought a farm, according to reports from Pittsburgh. It is only eight acres, but it is large enough for a chicken run. The new purchase is near Lexington, Ky.

Purdue undergraduates are anticipating great things next year on the cinder path with the new track and field coach, C. N. Wilson, assumes the reins of the team. Wilson once before headed the track team at Purdue and has been coach and trainer of athletes for several years. He is credited with developing some of the best athletes that ever represented Purdue.

Portland has been dropped out of the Pacific Coast League, and will not have a club in the coast league unless the transportation companies return to the rates formerly in effect. The club is reported to be in the hands of the league, and the change, as they will enter the Northwest circuit, where the salary limit is \$1,800 a month, against the \$4,500 of the coast league.

When the Amateur Athletic Federation stages its annual wrestling championships in Chicago next month several new rules will probably be in force. The method of deciding winners, formerly depended upon the rolling falls, will be changed to a pin fall, and the pin fall will be substituted. The wrist lock will be relegated to an exhibition, and the hammerlock, the strangle hold, toe hold and other illegal grips.

Hobey Baker, the Ty Cobb of the hockey game, is the best drawing card in the blade game, but our neighbors across the border are inclined to have these tales about his ability being the class of any of the players in the Canadian professional league. While player, still, they claim that he is a couple of notches before being classed with some of the best pro players.

The Chamber of Commerce of Miami, Fla., has offered a silver cup for the proposed outside motor boat race from New York to Miami, to start on February 26, as a prize to the winner. The race will be held on the Biscayne Bay in time for the annual winter motor boat races. Captain Thomas Feinling Day, who is promoting this race, has a power boat, the Lady Baltimore of Baltimore. The distance covered in this race will be about 1,500 miles and will take about five days.

The Louisville baseball club of the American association will do its spring training at the same place as last year. According to present plans, the team will report in Louisville March 10. The squad will leave on Saturday morning. This was tried by the Federal league in 1914 and proved a huge success.

There is a rumor about the University of Wisconsin campus that the football will soon be abolished. The Regents' committee, which spent several days investigating athletic conditions at Wisconsin, and the report is said to be so far formulated as to threaten seriously the end of the football game at the University of Wisconsin. It is said to be already desired in faculty circles of some other "big nine" schools.

"Rubber" Knapp, who once pitched for the Cleveland Indians and now a member of the Buffeds, thinks that some club in organized baseball will win it if it picks up Heiner Schultz, the star southpaw of the Buffeds. This young pitcher jumped the Yankees in 1914, coming from Savannah of the South Atlantic league. He never had done anything startling in a Yankee uniform and Frank Farrell, then owner, did not give particularly when he departed. It was not until the 1915 campaign was well advanced that Schultz "found himself," according to Knapp, but once he learned to pitch he was one of the best men on the Federal league roster. His record for the season was 21 victories and 4 losses, and he allowed 234 earned runs per game, working 208 2-3 innings.

AMATEUR, ENGAGES IN SPORT SOLELY FOR PLEASURE.

Rules Conference of Delegates from Sport Governing Bodies Throughout the Country.

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NORWICH FAMILY MARKET

Fruits and Vegetables.
Peppers, for 5 cauliflower, 15-25
Head Lettuce, 10
Celery, 10
Beets, 10
Cabbage, bu., 3
Onions, 10
Potatoes, pk., 25
Squash, 10
Pumpkins, 10
Cucumbers, 10
Eggplants, 10
Tomatoes, 10
Peas, 10
Beans, 10
Lima Beans, 10
Kidney Beans, 10
Pinto Beans, 10
Black Beans, 10
Milk Beans, 10
Soy Beans, 10
Lentils